

## THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL NOTES.

**"THE TELEPHONE GIRL."**  
Looked at from the popular standpoint, "The Telephone Girl," which comes Monday and Tuesday evenings and Tuesday matinee, is a very diverting affair indeed. It is bright and frothy, and as a whole it is an exceedingly merry amusement, and fills out an evening's leisure capitally. That was the verdict rendered long ago. The incidents portrayed and the dialogue inserted bear upon a subject which is familiar to nine-tenths of the commu-



ally, and that perhaps enhances its value. Everybody can and does understand it. Will H. Sloan, as the German Inspector, is amazingly funny. He is the best dialect comedian now on the stage, and in all he does and says he is seen at his best. Miss Jessie Merri-les, as Estelle, is intensely cunning and chic. In her singing and her specialties she is very clever. The others in the company fully sustain the claim for excellence put forth by the management.

**EUGENIE BLAIR.**  
The extraordinary qualities of "A Lady of Quality," which Eugenie Blair and her company of players will present at the Academy of Music Wednesday has attracted considerable attention throughout the country. In many cities ministers of the gospel have made the theme of the book the subject of sermon text. A prominent divine in speaking of the play and book says: "The piece naturally divides itself into dramatic scenes. At the age of 6, Florinda Wildairs becomes the companion of her father, a riotous, drinking man. At 14 she falls under the influence of Sir John Oxon, a companion of her father's, whose sole ambition is breaking women's hearts. Here she



lights out the great temptation of a woman's life alone without the aid of maternal and virtuous training. Her moral life awakens through her own courage, she becomes victorious over evil influences, and the continuance of the story shows a steady growth in strength and ability of character. While the romance has all the inherent traits of historical fiction, it nevertheless appeals to certain lives which are now being lived. There are those in our work-a-day world who reproduce in every essential feature the experience of Charles Wildairs, or Mistress Florinda, as she is called.

In staging the production Miss Blair has spared neither time nor expense. The scenery is elaborate.

**"MR. PLASTER OF PARIS."**  
"Mr. Plaster of Paris" is the euphonious and catchy title given to a farce comedy of unusual merit and popularity which is booked to appear at the Academy on Thursday night. It is announced as a farce comedy with a plot, which is indeed a rare avia nowadays. It tells a story of a Mr. Paris, whose creed is that the world owes him a living and he proposes to have it with as little trouble to himself as possible. Taking advantage of the fact that there are twenty-two places in the United States named after the capital of France, he elects to call himself "of Paris," and manages in his career to mix matters up very thoroughly in a good many of the twenty-two places.

**THE AUDITORIUM.**  
Barton's Auditorium will present an exceptionally strong bill of attractions this week. Melville and Conway, in their comedy sketches; Gonzales, St. Leon and Cusick, "The Klondike Trio," and Beatrice Salmon, descriptive vocalist, are some of the clever artists who delighted those in attendance on the Mystic Chain entertainment Saturday night. They will be at the Auditorium, with others, and those who attend this playhouse will be well repaid for their outlay of time and money.

Along with the opening of the public schools in the near future comes the opening of the private schools and schools of music. The music school of Miss A. T. Corprew opened September 5th. Mrs. Cole will open a school of elocution and vocal culture September 11th.

**Books.** Casey and Norton's publishers, Wm. & Son, this week sold to

one dealer 20,000 copies of "Sing Me a Song of the South." This means a royalty on this single sale of \$600 to the fortunate composers of this popular ballad.

Matters in musical circles continue during the week. Things will probably not brighten up much until more of Norfolk's absent citizens come home from the various summer watering places.

Mr. Wm. Richards, the well known singer and teacher of vocal music, has returned from the mountains in Virginia, where he pleasantly spent the summer, and has opened his studio in the Masonic Temple.

Mr. J. Pollard Rives has been engaged by the Music Committee of Freeman Street Baptist Church as church organist. He will begin his duties today.

Prof. Koerner and Prof. Borjes have been unavoidably delayed in matters connected with the opening of the Norfolk Conservatory of Music. They have, however, fixed September 27th as the date for opening this new institution. Pupils can be enrolled now at the Conservatory, 165 Main street. Catalogues will be out by the end of the week. The faculty has been completed by the engagement of ten competent teachers, comprising six gentlemen and four ladies. We would especially call attention to the primary piano department where pupils not able to pay the prices charged by the professors can receive instruction at a very low figure and get the same result as the more advanced pupils enjoy. There will be a recital and reception given a few days before the opening, when the public will be able to hear the new talent embraced in the faculty, and also see the art exhibition of Prof. Williams' work.

## THE STIRK FAMILY.

PROUD ARISTOCRATS IN THE REALMS OF THE ARENA.

The famous Stirk Family, one of the great features of The Wallace Shows, does work that borders on the marvelous. In truth, some of their attainments are of such complexity and difficulties that it frequently passes with but little more notice from the public than their simpler displays because the audience cannot follow its intricate and perplexing paradox.

It is not infrequently happens that when a particularly hazardous feat is accomplished the strongest and most pronounced applause will come from the entry wherein the other actors of the show may invariably be found ranged as spectators when the "Stirks are on."

This tribute to their genius for their fellow performers is as unusual as it is spontaneous, and testifies to their superiority more eloquently than any eulogy possibly good.

When an act can hold the attention of actors as that the Stirks does, it may indeed be said to be truly great. At Norfolk on Friday September 22.

## LAMBERT'S POINT.

Mr. Thomas, who is slating Dr. Talmadge's house, at Myers avenue and Forty-third street, fell twenty-three feet from the cornice to the ground. He turned a full somersault and struck in a sitting position among the slate and scrap lumber, and, strange to say, was not much bruised and received only a small scratch under his chin. He was back on the roof at work in ten minutes. By-standers who saw him thought surely he would be killed. He will probably feel some after effects, however.

Some years since, at Petersburg, Mr. Thomas fell sixty-five feet from a mill and passed between the floor joists and landed in several feet of water in the cellar and thus escaped injury. When he was falling Friday he said: "What will become of my children?"

Mrs. O'Hara and daughter, of Richmond, guests of Mrs. Downing, of Clarke street.

Mr. Hardie S. Baker, of Suffolk, who has been on a brief visit to Dr. Chas. W. Doughtie, of Pocahontas avenue, has returned home, where he will rest a few days before returning to Randolph-Macon College to pursue his studies.

Rev. G. D. Glickerson has returned from his trip to the mountains, and will preach at the Presbyterian Church today.

Mrs. Wm. H. Dewick, of Middlesex county, who has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Maggie Hanley, of Bowden's Ferry road, has returned home.

Mr. James Hall, of Rappahannock avenue, is visiting relatives and friends in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Miss Ora Higgins, daughter of Mr. W. J. Higgins, is very sick at the home of her father, on Bowden's Ferry road.

Mr. T. Kates, wife and daughter, of Atlanta, Ga., who have been on a visit to relatives to the family of Mr. D. Loper, have gone on a visit to Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Lay services will be conducted at St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Mr. Richard Alfriend, of Norfolk, at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

See account of ball game between the Bridgeport and Oriole clubs under head "World of Sports."

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## DIVINE SERVICES TO-DAY.

The Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Christian, Church of Christ (Disciples) and Christ Scientist publish their hours of Sunday services in Saturday's issue.

## CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's, corner of Chapel and Holt streets, Rev. John Doherty, pastor.—Sunday: Early mass at 7 a. m.; high mass at 11 a. m. Vespers and benediction of the blessed sacrament at 5 p. m.

Sacred Heart Church, corner of York and Dunmore streets, Rev. Father T. J. Wilson, pastor.—Sunday: First mass, 7:30 a. m.; second mass at 10 a. m. (low mass), followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

## BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Freemason, corner of Bank and Freeman streets, preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Doherty, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "Is Religion Worth While." Evening: "Commending with Conscience." Strangers welcome; seats free. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Grace, corner Princess Anne and Church streets, preaching by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. B. Owens, at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Park Avenue Brambleton—Preaching by Rev. T. C. Skinner at 11 a. m. and the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, at 8 p. m. Subject: "Jesus in the Midst of Human Woe"—second in the series of "Six Weeks With Jesus."

Spurgeon Memorial, Windsor avenue, Brambleton—Preaching by Rev. F. W. Moore at 11 a. m. and Rev. Lloyd T. Williams, of Trinity M. E. Church, at 8 p. m.

Central Avenue, Atlantic City—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dudley, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

First, corner of Granby and Freeman streets, preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Hatcher, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Burrows Memorial, Lambert's Point—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Cox, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

Central Avenue Baptist Church—Preaching by Rev. Mr. Saunders, of Scotsville, at 11 a. m. and by Rev. R. S. Staples, of Portsmouth, at 8 p. m.

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ, corner of Freeman and Cumberland streets, Rev. C. E. Grammer, rector—Morning prayer and sermon by Rev. John H. Dickinson at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at 6 p. m.

St. Luke's, corner of Bute and Granby streets, Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m.

St. Paul's, Church and Cove streets, Rev. B. D. Tucker, D. D., rector—Evening prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Morning prayer at 8 p. m.

St. Peter's, Brown avenue, Brambleton, Rev. C. E. Woodson, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15 p. m.

Emanuel Chapel, corner of Wide and Calvert streets, Rev. John H. Dickinson, rector—Lay service at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. Wednesday service at 8 o'clock p. m.

CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLÉSIA. Hall, corner Maltby and Brambleton avenues—Services at 11 a. m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Freemason, between Bank and Brewster—Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. F. M. Anderson, of Danville, Va.

## BRAMBLETON WARD.

The obsequies of little Ruth Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Gregory, who passed away at the home of her parents, No. 407 East Brambleton avenue, Friday afternoon, were held from the residence at 10:30 o'clock a. m. yesterday. The services were conducted by Rev. H. Bennett, of McKeppree M. E. Church. The remains of the little one were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. G. W. Elliott and her sisters, Mrs. Willie and Eva Bradshaw, of 708 Highland avenue, were called yesterday to Messick, York county, Va., by the death of their niece, Miss Garnett Edward Evans.

"Misunderstanding Christ" will be the subject of the sermon at the Memorial Christian Temple this morning. At night the Rev. W. D. Harwood, of North Carolina, will preach.

A most interesting missionary meeting will be held at the Memorial Christian Temple at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. M. W. Butler, of Berkeley, will deliver the address. Unusual interest is expected, and a large attendance is desired.

Little Lucille Mae Holmes, of North Marshall avenue, has returned home from a delightful visit of two weeks to her aunt, Mrs. McGalley, of Park View, Portsmouth.

Miss Lola Holmes, of South Reservoir avenue, who has been quite sick for the past week, is able to be out.

Misses Hilda and Louisa Johnson, of Hobson, Nansemond county, who have been the guests of the family of Mr. C. D. Calk, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, of No. 117 Windsor avenue, accompanied by their sister, Miss Annie Wilson, who has been visiting them, will leave this evening for Richmond on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Addie Sawyer, a highly accomplished young lady of Brambleton Ward, will extend a two weeks' visit to her cousin, Miss Addie Harrison, in Princess Anne county, near the city water works.

Mr. Henry J. Griffith, formerly of Washington, D. C., but who for the past six years, has been out in British Columbia engaged in prospecting among the mines, is expected to arrive in Norfolk in a few days to visit friends. Mr. Griffith has been very successful and has accumulated much wealth. A formal welcome will be extended him, and an urgent invitation to make Norfolk his future home.

## ATLANTIC CITY WARD.

Mr. Pettigill, of Johnstown, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. George Francisco, of Central avenue.

Miss Eva B. Joyner, of Front street, has returned from a protracted visit to relatives on the Eastern Shore.

The Junior Epworth League of LeKies Memorial Church will hold its devotional services at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor of Colley Memorial Church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of LeKies Memorial Church will hold a public meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The exercises will consist of vocal and instrumental music and addresses by Rev. W. R. Proctor, of Park View M. E. Church, Portsmouth, and the pastor, Rev. W. T. Williams. A formal invitation is extended the public to be present.

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## PEOPLE'S FORUM.

NOTE.—The People's Forum being freely open to all parties, classes, persons, views and capacities, the Virginian-Pilot is responsible for none of the statements nor opinions expressed therein, nor for the style in which they are set forth. The ignorant and uneducated shall be heard here equally with the learned.

## An Indignant Protest.

Editor Virginian-Pilot: Your paper of to-day contains an article glaringly headed, "Greater Norfolk, &c." Now, as a resident of that part of Norfolk county outside of any village, I wish to say that the people of Park Place and vicinity have no idea of quietly allowing themselves to be embraced by the city of Norfolk. We undoubtedly have some rights that even a Legislature is bound to respect. That any man, or set of men, should try to annex farms to the city of Norfolk is contemptible indeed. Most of the people residing in the county near the city purchased their homes there to live where taxes were low, and will certainly protest against the alleged intention to annex them.

## COUNTY.

## A Master of History.

Cornland, Va., Sept. 6, 1899. Editor Virginian-Pilot:

Dear Sir—In your short notice of the Norfolk county teachers' institute in Tuesday morning's paper you were not altogether just to the county in saying "this is the first institute ever held in the county." On the contrary, you could have said this is the tenth institute held under the present organization, and that Norfolk county is the only county in Virginia that holds a five day institute, with a corps of instructors employed for the purpose and selected from the most progressive normal instructors in the county.

It also might have been said that it is probable that the first teachers' institute for public school teachers ever held in Virginia was held at Deep Creek, Norfolk county, in 1853, and the first held under the present school system was held in Berkeley, Norfolk county, 1875.

Yours truly, JOHN T. WEST.

## A Bloody Fight.

Joe Wood and Frank Redd, both colored, fought each other with knives on Princess Anne road last night until both fell exhausted and almost dead. They were brought to the station house in the patrol wagon, Officer Turner having placed them under arrest.

One of the negroes is said to have been beating his wife and the other took her part, thus causing the fight. Wood and Redd went to each other with knives first, and other weapons were used, as shown by Wood's skull being cracked. He is also badly cut and bruised, and Redd is dangerously injured, one ugly wound penetrating to the lungs. Dr. Speight, who attended them, announced both seriously hurt. The fight occurred in the county and the negroes will be turned over to the county authorities when they are able.

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Mashed Between Cart and Car. Alexander Black, colored, was mashed between a cart and a street car on Church street last night. His injuries were not serious. He was attended by Dr. Leigh.

Conductor Daniel Long and Motor-man J. H. Stewart were taken in charge by the police, but were later bailed out in the sum of \$50 each by Mr. W. M. Rosbrough.

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## To State Penitentiary.

Guard Charles A. Bridging, of the penitentiary, yesterday carried the following prisoners, who were recently sentenced by Judge Hancock to Richmond: John King, John Seales and Thomas Green, five years each; William Smith, alias Christian, four years; James Scutchins and Sam R. Moore, two years each; T. J. Barr, four years. All are colored except the last named.

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Miss Annie Beane, daughter of Sergeant Beane, of the police force, will return from a two weeks' visit to Washington this morning.

Miss Ethel Archer, of Manchester, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. T. Potter, on North street.

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The final monthly report, that for June, of Receivers Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has been filed in court. It shows total receipts \$5,814,382.60 and disbursements \$3,087,737.63.

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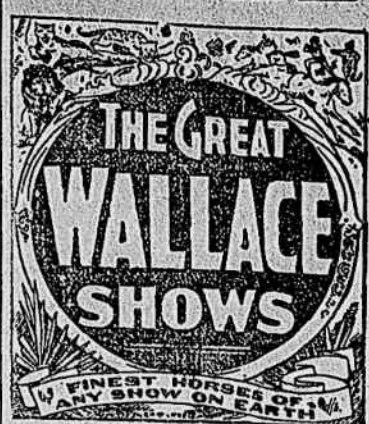
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